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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT, THIN FILM)	
STRUCTURE, OPTICAL SWITCH, AND)	
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	
OPTICAL ELEMENT)	

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A copy of each listed document is attached

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An International Search Report citing EP1004910, JP2001-350106 and JP2001-264651 and setting forth the relevance thereof is also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

The remaining non-English language references listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 can be understood as follows.

a. Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 2001-042233. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1,2,3 of the specification of the present application and shown in the English-language abstract.

b. Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 2001-142008. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2,3 of the specification of the present application and shown in the English-language abstract.

c. Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 2002-023073. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached translation.

d. WIPO Patent Laid Open Publication No. WO 03/060592A1. The relevance of this document is discussed is shown in the English-language abstract. This document is also the PCT application to which the present application claims benefit.

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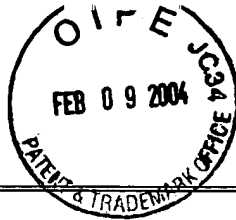
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